

## TRUCE DECLARED FOR THE SABBATH

Senate Takes Recess at Midnight Until Tomorrow Morning

## BATTLE RESUMES THEN

Democrats Say There Will Be No Let-up Until a Final Vote Comes and Senate Chamber and Lobbies Will Be The Only Abode of Those Who Sleep On Their Arms

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—A drawn battle on the administration ship purchase bill in the Senate came tonight, after one of the most strenuous parliamentary struggles Congress has known in recent years. From 11 a. m. Friday, all through last night and again today and tonight the contest proceeded with a spirit of determination little short of desperation on both sides. The great stake, a final vote on the bill, which would break the Senate deadlock and release the blockade of legislation, was just ahead, for the presiding officer had ordered that the ayes and nays would be taken as soon as debate should end. No further parliamentary device was available, and physical endurance alone remained to hold back the taking of the vote.

Although the Democrats agreed to a recess at midnight at the end of 37 hours of continuous debate, administration leaders insisted that such action meant no let-up in their determination to press the bill.

"We agreed to the recess because of Sunday," said Senator Simmons, "just as we did in the filibuster against the rivers and harbors appropriation bill last fall. But beginning Monday at 10 o'clock it is our purpose to press the bill with all the force that is in our power."

### Another Season of Ranting.

Later today Senator William Alden Smith relieved his Republican colleagues who had been holding the floor since early morning. He turned his attention to a bitter arraignment of the administration's policy and painted a gloomy word picture of the business condition of the country under the Democratic tariff. An "era of record breaking business mortality" had followed enactment of that tariff, he said, and he characterized the shipping bill as the "fifth administration folly."

"I don't think we have ever had a President who was so hopeful with so little cause as the present incumbent of the White House," he said. "From the day he signed the tariff bill he has not let a week go by without proclaiming that prosperity was here."

### Silent Treatment Given.

Senator Smith read many figures which he declared showed the conditions he had recited and repeatedly challenged the Democrats to answer his statement. Majority members refused to be drawn in a tariff debate, however, accepting the challenges with weary, apathetic silence.

Throughout the long day session the situation was tense. Many Senators slept in their seats after the long watches through last night; others stretched on the sofas circling the Senate chamber; others formed team relays, offensive and defensive, to crowd the measure to a vote, or to hold it back.

### One Long, Weary Grind.

There was little sharp parliamentary fencing. In the main, it was steady speechmaking, with here and there a flash of wit or bitterness to show the intense undercurrents of the debate. Senator Lodge again gave warning that the buying of interned ships would precipitate grave international complications with Great Britain, France and Russia and would "start this nation on the highway of war."

During the day it was the expectation on both sides of the chamber that the contest would be carried through tonight and into Sunday, but at 4 p. m. Senator Kern, tactical leader of the administration forces, secured unanimous consent for a recess until 10 a. m. Monday.

### Straight Battle to Finish.

With the recess came the announcement from Democratic conference rooms that from Monday morning the bill would be kept before the Senate continuously without adjournment or recess until it was passed.

Senator Simmons announced he was authorized to deny reports that the administration was considering withdrawing the bill from the Senate. He could say authoritatively, he declared, that there was not one scintilla of truth in the report.

Early in the evening Senator Smoot, who talked all night last night, his remarks taking up eleven

and a half hours, reappeared on the floor, apparently much refreshed and ready for another long distance debate should his services be needed.

The galleries were filled with spectators, but there were few Senators on the floor until toward the nine o'clock when many who had gone home for a brief rest returned to the chamber.

Senator Smith, whose speech took the form of a general attack on the administration, engaged several Democratic senators in brief colloquies.

### Smith Struck Dumb!

"I heard the Secretary of the Treasury ask a distinguished audience at San Diego, Cal., the other day: 'What is the matter with the country?' said Senator Smith. 'The people who heard him were struck dumb. Nobody could answer and finally the Secretary of the Treasury answered: 'Not a damn thing.'"

"Did I understand the Senator from Michigan to say that he was present and heard this?" asked Senator Chilton.

"Yes, I was present," Senator Smith replied.

"And was struck dumb," asked Senator Chilton, precipitating an uproar in the chamber and galleries.

## YOUNG MEN HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Winston-Salem, Jan. 30.—Featuring the activities of the Interstate Y. M. C. A. convention, in session here, was the convention banquet at the Hotel Zinzendorf tonight. International Secretary Fred B. Smith was the principal speaker and held the 200 men present spellbound with his wonderful and impressive personality and the brilliancy of his thought.

The inability of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis to be present was a great disappointment to the people of the city.

The convention moved right off with its work this morning, the organization having been perfected. The opening session at 9:30 was conducted in the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Howard E. Rothaler, who made a splendid address upon a phase of the subject "Christ Among the People."

At 10 o'clock international secretary Fred B. Smith spoke on "The Young Men's Christian Association as a spiritual force." He handled the subject in a characteristically masterly manner and made a profound impression upon all who heard his able discourse, leaving a much deeper appreciation of the possibilities of the Y. M. C. A. in their hearts than had hitherto been there. At 11 o'clock, Mr. Lewis B. Dunn spoke for 40 minutes on "A Modern Religious Work Program for Boys," delivering a very instructive address.

This was followed by a business session.

At three o'clock the convention came together again and Dr. Rothaler delivered the third of the series of address on "Christ Among the People," emphasizing the fact that people should use Christ, rather than attempt to serve him to the exclusion of allowing him to serve them.

This meeting was followed by group conferences, as follows: City Delegates, B. G. Alexander presiding; Industrial Delegates, Dr. E. H. T. Foster, presiding; Physical Directors, C. Horace Sebring presiding; Boys Work, Secretary Lewis W. Dunn presiding.

## DURHAM OFFICERS UNEARTH ROBBERIES AND CATCH ROBBERS

Durham, Jan. 30.—Tonight the police unearthed what they believe to be one of the most general robberies they have ever had to contend with here, and in doing so recovered a large portion of the stolen property and have two negroes in custody on the charge of stealing and concealing stolen property.

Patrolman Moore found Fred Lyon at one of the warehouses trying to sell a coat. An investigation revealed that the coat was like one reported stolen several weeks ago. Lyon was carried to the police station, and a search of his room made. About a dozen suits of clothes, several hats, a silver headed walking stick and many other articles of clothing were found. Many of them have been identified.

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## ROAD IMPROPERLY WORKED IS CLAIM

Mr. Icona Poole Draws Some Conclusions From Activities Near His Home

To the Editor: Please allow me a little space in your paper. There is much talk at this season of the year about the roads. Let me give a little of my observation in watching the working of the roads.

It looks to me that our road people have never learned the secret of road building yet. Now I believe the creator of the earth knew more about how to arrange its soil so man and beast could stay on the top side, than all the men of earth.

A little of my observation runs this way. I live in Wake county, about one-fourth of a mile from the Wake and Johnston line, and have been living here 26 years. Three or four years ago, I noticed the Johnston county road people undertook to put up about one-fourth of a mile of sand clay road near the Wake line. They had 20 or 30 convicts, mules, wagons and carts, and hired a lot more. They tore the earth up side down, and piled up a lot of clay on the road and a little sand on top. About one year later Wake county came in on the side of the line for about one-fourth of a mile sand clay road. They, too, had 20 or 30 convicts. I gave them the land freely, any they set in with mules and machinery of many kinds. They likewise tore the earth up side down, took the road scrape plow, raked off the top soil nicely to the edge, and placed a road bed of clay in its place. Then they dragged the top soil back on it nicely and said goodbye.

Now that was a beauty to behold. But one bright morning I noticed down at the county line a mighty turning about with mules. So I walked down there to see what was up, and they had their machine in the middle of the road scraping off the sand back toward the ditch. That clay looked as slick as a bottle. I said then the jig was up. But about two or three months after the Wake people had built their road, and a few days before the good roads' convention was to be held at Morehead City, and Mr. Varner and Mr. Pratt and some more people were to go from Asheville to Morehead City through the country in machines I noticed six mules and the road scrape plow passing my house. So I walked out to see what was up and they were in the middle of the road, sending the sand back toward the ditch, and I said again, the jig was up. I watched carefully these two experiments for 18 months to see which did the best and which did the worst, and after we have a few days of rain or snow I think they both are the worst, and am now fully prepared to say the jig is down.

I have spoken time and again to our supervisor about that little piece of road. What a pity it was to spend so much on it and then let it go to wreck for the lack of, perhaps, about one and one-half or two hours work with road plow, bringing back sand and soil from the ditches. The supervisor says he has sent the machine here to do that work, but they have never done it yet. It seems they are in a big hurry to get to the line and a still bigger hurry to get back to the camp.

I have seen weeks at the time in the last 18 months that I do not dare to take out my machine on account of the bad roads—right here in 12 miles of Raleigh on the Central Highway.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am not writing this against any man or set of men, except he be a red mud man. I have been asked to make some complaint several times, but I hated to do that, and kept hoping it would be made better. A few days ago, I noticed a man with cart hauling dirt in a red muddy place on the road, but the most of what he was hauling was the same sort of clay that was already there, so it was no permanent good.

A few more thoughts and then I am done. I believe in fair play to all the county, and at this season of the year when all the roads more or less need attention, we should quit tearing up the hard places with plows, cultivators and drags and go to rough places on all roads. I do not believe our people will ever be induced to vote bonds for road building until they see some better and more equally divided funds and work all over the county. They fully believe they have learned what it takes to make good roads. Now I have been living here at this place 26 years, been traveling this road over 40 years, and will say flatly that that the ½ a mile of road that I have been talking about gets in worse fix, in the last 18 months, with its hundreds of dollars spent on it than it did any other time during the 40 years previous to that.

In conclusion, I affirm, I am opposed to any man placing this clay on the top of our public roads and leaving it uncovered without top soil or gravel of some sort, and then let it stay there until it is worked in

thoroughly, whether he be a United States government man, a State man, or county man, and if there is ever another road plow sent down here I hope our supervisor will make it a point if possible to come also, and stay long enough to cover up that worrisome clay.

Yours truly,  
ICANA POOLE.  
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### French Win and Lose.

Paris, Jan. 30.—10:40 p. m.—The following official statement was issued by the war office tonight:

"It is confirmed that the enemy has left a great number of dead on the field of battle to the north of Lom-baertzyde, at the foot of the Great Dune and also before the English lines near LaBassee.

"There has been a bombardment of some intensity of Arras, Reuric and Roolincourt. On the plateau of Noyron the Germans exploded a mine without attaining any results.

"In the Argonne a slight withdrawal of our troops is reported and their organization on the new lines about 200 metres to the rear of those which they had occupied has been actively disputed. The losses of the enemy have been very high; ours were serious."

## SECRETARY BRYAN ON GOOD ROADS

Visits News and Observer and Incidentally Commends State Highway Legislation

Upon his return from Durham last night, and while waiting for the train to Washington, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan visited the News and Observer.

An informal reception was immediately in order. Mr. Bryan met all the "Old Reliables" staff, inspected mechanical department and in fact went all over the whole plant. He expressed his pleasure at finding everything in a high state of efficiency, and certainly it was a keen pleasure for all "the boys" to shake the hand of Raleigh's distinguished visitor.

Referring to his automobile trip from Durham to Raleigh, Mr. Bryan was asked his opinion on good—or bad—roads:

Mr. Bryan said: "It was impossible to discuss all the questions which are of interest now pending in the Legislature. One matter which is of general importance was forcibly drawn to my attention as I came from Durham to Raleigh by automobile tonight—namely, the matter of good roads."

"The farmer, who pays more than his share of the taxes, and who receives less than his share of the proportionate benefits derived from these taxes, has a very just claim for attention in the matter of good roads. I am glad to learn that there is a good prospect of attention being given to this subject by the North Carolina General Assembly through the creation of a State Highway commission."

## 'SQUIRE GARRISON IS PAST CENTURY MARK

Oldest Man in Mecklenburg Is Rather Feeble on His 102nd Anniversary.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Charlotte, Jan. 30.—'Squire Harvey Garrison, Mecklenburg county's oldest man, celebrated his 102nd birthday last Sunday at his home in Mallard Creek township. He was born January 24, 1813, as the United States was going into its second war with Great Britain, and two years before the battle of Waterloo. Mr. Garrison well recalls the little log court house that stood on Independence Square in Charlotte, on posts about 10 feet from the ground, and from the balcony of which the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was read on May 20, 1775.

Until three months ago Mr. Garrison was in good health, but he has been confined to his bed since that time in consequence of a fall sustained while walking about his home. His condition at present is rather precarious.

He was born and reared in the community in which he now lives and not far from the house where he now lives with his son, T. N. Garrison. The centenarian has been an elder in Mallard Creek Presbyterian church since young manhood, clerk of its session for more than a generation and was its choir master for a long number of years. He attributes his long life to the fact that he has never allowed himself to worry or indulge in forebodings but has always been an optimist and has led a simple life. He has used tobacco practically all his life, but whiskey very sparingly.

### BRAVES TO GREENSBORO.

Greensboro, Jan. 30.—The Boston Braves, world's champions, will play the Greensboro Patriots here on April 6th, according to a telegram received this afternoon from Manager Stallings.